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Outstanding Work In Africa

One of the most thrilling stories of modern missions is that of the work of Brother and Sister Humphreys on the headwaters of the Belgian Congo, in the African Christian Mission which they established a couple years ago. Perhaps the best way to give you a glimpse of this work is to quote from an article in "The African," quarterly publication of the Mission. Though the paper is edited by Thomas C. Key, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the article apparently is by Brother Humphreys himself. In it he says in part: "We have planted the Lord's church in two more villages since the last issue of "The African." One of the student-preachers was sent to a village called Bafwadebono in July, and he began to teach daily in four villages. By the first of September there were several who were asking to be baptized.

"Since the student-preachers are still not fully indoctrinated, and because these people had had neither Protestant or Catholic teaching for so long, I make it a practice to go and teach an intense course of indoctrination for one week prior to giving the invitation for the first time. I was able to go to Bafwadebono on September 19 and taught daily in the four villages during that week. On Sunday, the 25th of September, we gave the invitation and baptized 70 persons. These are the charter members of the two churches of Bufwadebono and Badi.

"In September we planted the two new churches and registered 117 baptisms for the month. This is the highest month since the beginning, and in it we had our biggest Sunday since the beginning. On September 25 there were 93 persons baptized in the eight churches!"

In another column in "The African" we note this "Flash" item: "Latest word from the Congo, November 26—585 baptisms, 8 churches established, 235 baptisms since september 23." Thus we note that in its brief history the mission has established 8 congregations with a combined membership of nearly 600 as of November 26, 1949. —J. F. C.

Newberg

The First Christian Church, Newberg, held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, December 28, 1949. There was a large attendance for the Potluck Fellowship dinner and business meeting. There were brief reports of the work of the past year; leaders were selected for the year 1950; and a challenging message on the work of the church was delivered by F. W. Zook, minister at Sheridan, who with his family were guests. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parrish, long time members of this congregation and parents of Elery Parrish, prominent Oregon preacher, were honored on the occasion of their 57th wedding anniversary, which fell on the day of the annual meeting. The records show that audiences were good throughout the year. There were 30 baptisms and 42 added by letter and statement. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

Southeast Church

The first unit of the Southeast Church (Portland) was dedicated December 11, 1949. The tower that is shown in the cut is the architect's proposed plan, and will be built at a later date. The plan calls for a unit for educational purposes to be built on the east side of the building, and a sanctuary to be built on the west side. During the few Sundays the building has been in use the attendance at both Bible School and Church has increased. Gene Chamberlain is the pastor.

Missionaries Sail

Miss Adele Bower, and Mr. and Mrs. Aigi Kamikawa, new missionaries commissioned at the International Convention in Cincinnati on October 28, set sail on the S. S. Gordon from San Francisco for Japan, December 2. A quotation from a letter mailed by the Kamikawas at Honolulu is interesting: "The dreams and hopes of our dedication to full time Christian service came true when we were consecrated as missionaries to Japan during the International Convention. Words alone cannot express how we felt when we were commissioned before a large audience. The responsibilities as a missionary are great, but we shall do our best to make Christ known to the people, especially in Japan."

After leaving Cincinnati, the Kamikawas visited friends and relatives in Seattle and Hood River, and spoke in several churches before leaving for San Francisco where they were joined by three more missionaries to China, among them Adele Bower whose home is in Burns, Oregon. Their ship was scheduled to leave from San Francisco on November 20, but was delayed so all of the missionaries spent the intervening time up to December 2 visiting and getting acquainted with the churches in the Bay area. "They truly welcomed us and made us feel at home," said Aigi Kamikawa in his letter.

The young people of Washington and North Idaho have taken Aigi as their service link missionary, since he is a Washington boy. Before entering school at Northwest Christian College a number of years ago, his home was at Kingston. During the war, he and his mother and sisters were sent to a relocation center. Later, arrangements were made for him to attend Johnson Bible College and Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma. Last June both Aigi and his wife Kiyo completed their work for their degrees from Phillips University. Kiyo is an Oregon girl whose home was in Hood River before the war.

Adele Bower, a graduate of Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon, writes that the First Church of Oakland, California, has assumed her support as a service link. Former residents of Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCullum, were on the pier to bid all the departing missionaries "Goodbye and Godspeed." The Kamikayas and the three missionaries commissioned for China will be working with the Hendricks and the Shorrocks in Tokyo for the present. When the time comes when it will be possible for them to go into China they will proceed to that field. Margaret Lawrence, who worked in China for many years, is now serving in Japan. For these reenforcements, all too few, we are truly grateful.

The new program and study materials on Japan for all ages are being enthusiastically received. With such a wide variety of interesting topics, suggestions for decorations and refreshments, and unique programs, there is no reason why every organization cannot have challenging messages and work, but what a reward comes from knowing that a job is well done! What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.—Mrs. Edna L. Burke.

Madras

Four were baptized on Christmas Day. This brings our total additions since coming in June to 11 of which 8 were baptisms. Martin Torrance, pastor.

Salem Court Street

Four additions are reported in the Court Street Bulletin, Harold Lyman is the pastor.

"Our Other Family" Enjoys Christmas

They may be too old to believe in Santa Claus, but the 26 retired folks at Northwestern Christian Home always look forward to Christmas with its carols, wreaths, beautiful tree, gifts, greeting cards and good things to eat that are abundantly showered upon them. The family gathered in the dining room for a delicious breakfast. Following breakfast everyone assembled in the parlor where the usual Sunday service was held; after which gifts were distributed with everyone receiving literally their arms full. Bob Dorman, Kern Park Church, took numerous pictures of the "family" and the staff, including Ray and Helen Smith, who were guests. These pictures were his Christmas gift to the Home.

During the season many visitors brought contributions to the Home or to individual members. Others presented programs. Such were The Business Women's Group from Central Christian; The Women's Council, of St. Johns; The Milwaukie High school group of carolers; others from Carlton, Gladstone and Kern Park. The Beaverton Garden Club, the Cedar Hills Garden Club, and the Raleigh Hills Garden Club, made and presented floral pieces, corsages, etc. The Beaverton Church supplied angel-food cake; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fishburn gave a unique musical cake-stand that plays "Happy Birthday to You;" two cases of eggs came from the Creekpaums and others at Hillsboro; 92 pounds of bacon came from Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Korschgen, of Corvallis; a half beef from Myrtle Creek folks; and many other gifts we cannot mention. Miss Phillips, the superintendent, and all the family say, "Thanks a million."

The pump in the heating system broke down and had to be repaired at a cost of $150. A new metal window frame has been set in on the kitchen porch replacing a wooden wall that has been warped and broken by the weather, thus adding appearance as well as utility.—R. C. S.

N.C.C. Announcements

Winter term classes began January 3.

Dr. G. Edwin Osborn of Phillips University, father of Prof. Ronald E. Osborn, brought a series of four lectures on Christian Unity under the general title, "Whom A Dream Hath Possessed".

Semi-annual Board of Trustees meeting at N.C.C. on January 17-18.

A musical concert under the direction of Professor Maud Woodyard, with Prof. Nell Dickson at the organ, is scheduled for January 17 at the First Christian Church, Eugene.

Louisa F. Kellems Fellowship Lectures, designed particularly for the co-eds of N.C.C., will be given on February 14-16.

Men's Fellowship Lectures will be given at N.C.C., January 24-26, by Alger Fitch, Pastor of our Milwaukie Church. After graduating from N.C.C. in '45 Alger completed his B.D. degree at Phillips University.

The Winter Term will close on March 22.

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December Diary Of The State Secretary-Director

Ten days were spent out of the state the early part of December attending the Home and State Missions Planning Council and the National State Secretaries' Association in St. Louis, Missouri. The meetings were very helpful and we were made to rejoice over the many good reports and plans in various states. The fellowship was fine. I stopped over a day and a half on the way home to visit the Wm. Pretzer family at Elmdale, Kansas. Mrs. Pretzer is the former Florence Fishburn, a member of the Kern Park Church at one time and former office secretary for Pop Swander. I preached in the Burns Church December 18 and held a conference with the church leaders. There was one confession and one transfer. Some of the activities of the month were: assisted with one radio program sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches, attended two evenings the meeting at Mallory Avenue, spent part of a day calling with H. L. Porter at Mosier, met with state executives of several churches at Linfield College, met with our State Board Finance Committee, the Turner Pioneer Camp Committee and with the Educational and Youth Committees in Salem. Spent 10 days in the office and held 9 conferences. Travelled 5,711 miles, 85 letters went out of the office, spent Christmas at home and had the experience of becoming grandfather for the second time during the month.

Welcome to two new men in the state. Charles H. Lemmex has accepted a call to the church at Astoria. Mr. Lemmex is a former classmate of mine and a very close friend through the years. Charles C. Manker, Jr., has been called as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work at First Christian Church, Portland.—C. H. Addleman.

THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

1. God is the absolute owner and giver of everything.
2. Man is a steward, holding and administering that which he has as a sacred trust, and must account for all that he has.
3. God's ownership and man's stewardship are to be acknowledged by a devoting unto the service of God a definite proportion.
4. All the rest—what is spent and what is saved—is to be treated as no less a sacred trust.

—Oakland Christian Courier

The Church Membership Roll

One of the neglected ministries, especially in small churches, is the church membership roll. We have no sympathy with that pernicious doctrine that decries the membership roll as unscriptural. The apostle's admonition to "Let all things be done decently and in order" should be sufficient scriptural authority to impel any church to keep a serviceable roll of its members.

1.—A membership roll should be kept in a book (not loose leaf) so that names will not become lost. The names should be entered alphabetically, and the mail address, the date of entrance into the church, how they came in (whether by baptism, letter or statement) the date upon which they were dismissed from the membership, from whence they came or whence they go.

2.—Apart from this book, which should be the official register of the church, a card file for the pastor's use is advisable. No damage will be done if this one is incomplete.

3.—A name should not be lightly dismissed from the membership. Death or dismissal for cause should be the only reasons for complete dismissal. If people have been gone for a long time and they cannot be located it is permissible to indicate such on the list, and it is not imperative that their names be reported in statistics after a long time. But the name should be retained until it is certain it should go off for just cause.

4.—Where a church can have it, there should be a membership secretary whose supreme duty is to see that the roll is kept up-to-date and as accurate as possible. Such a list is a sacred trust and is not to be regarded lightly. In it there is a vast field for pastoral duty, and by its perusal the pastor may cover his flock efficiently.

5.—The use of the Silent Roll Call card is a valuable adjunct to the membership list. By its consistent use, and checking the attendance of the membership on a chart, the pastor has an index on whom he should bestow pastoral oversight. It furnishes prospects for the pastor to call upon.

The church membership list is both a field of opportunity and a burden of responsibility. The wise pastor will study it carefully. By use of it he may stop many of the leaks through the back door. Do not despise nor neglect the church membership roll. —C. F. Swander.

Portland First

Four transfers of membership are reported in the First Christian. Charles C. Manker has been called as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work. He has had experience as a pastor, college professor and coaching work. We welcome him to Oregon.

LOUISA FLINT KELLEMS

Dr. Louisa Flint Kellems—"Mother" Kellems to the Northwest Christian College family—died about 12:30 a. m., December 22, 1949. Active until death, she had returned to her Eugene home only a short time before her death. She had been visiting her children in Connecticut and California, having made the trip by air. She had just completed sending out her Christmas greetings. On December 21 she spent some time shopping.

Mother Kellems was born in Missouri on October 5, 1871. For 67 years she made Eugene her home and identified her life with Northwest Christian College and the work of the church . As usual, on December 18 she taught the women's Bible Class of First Christian Church, Eugene, in her accustomed vigorous, challenging and profoundly spiritual manner.

Funeral services were held in the First Christian Church, Eugene, on December 22, with the pastor, Dr. Carroll C. Roberts in charge, Dr. Victor P. Morris bringing a tribute and prayer and Dr. Ross J. Griffeth bringing the message.

A second service was held in Los Angeles and, in accordance with her recently expressed wish, her body was buried in Los Angeles beside that of her granddaughter.

Surviving her are her children, Dr. Jesse Randolph Kellems, of Los Angeles; Lt. Col. Homer Kellems, U.S. F.A., in Japan; Miss Vivien Kellems, of Mystic, Connecticut. A Son, Kenneth, lost his life in New York harbor during the first World War when the troop ship on which he was returning from Europe, was sunk as a result of a collision. Her husband, David C. Kellems, died in 1922.—R.J.G.

A Book Of Prophecy

"Shadow and Substance," a Bible study book originally published by Dr. Hoven in 1934, has recently been revised by him and is now available in the new printing made by Northwest Christian College. The book is attractively bound in paper cover and makes an excellent book for Bible study. The price postpaid is $1.65. Those who have studied the book under the guidance of Dr. Hoven will be able to tell of its values and probably will want a copy of the revised printing. Others will find it a significant guide to an understanding of the Bible and may wish to use it in Bible study classes, mid-week study groups, etc. Send all orders to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

Hood River Valley

Three baptisms and two transfers of membership in December. The Valley church will entertain the Mt. Hood C. E. convention and the Mid-Columbia District convention in January. H. Lawrence Porter, pastor.

Women's Work Notes

The newly organized group at Detroit, Oregon, has the distinction of being the first society in the state to adopt the name of Christian Women's Fellowship. Congratulations! Your executive secretary, Mrs. Burke, had the pleasure of meeting with this wide-awake group on the evening of December 1. Materials and plans for the future were discussed. The group decided to follow the current mission study for the next six months on Japan. Mrs. Eva Wise is the president. Warren Knapp, an N.C.C. student, is the pastor.

Mrs. Edna Burke was the guest speaker for the morning service at the Springfield church on December 18. Her topic was, "Missions Plus," a belated missionary message. She stressed the International Convention.

As a part of the annual Women's Day observance at the First Church in Eugene, seven students from Northwest Christian College provided the special music and the message. Allen Byerlee, Gene Johnson, Margaret Schamp and Mary Sadler presented the message using the topic, "They Answer the Challenge." A girls' trio, composed of Kathleen Whiten, Beverly Lyman and Roberta Piper, sang. Mrs. Ross J. Griffeth, presided.

Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president, was the guest speaker for the morning service on Woman's Day, December 4, at St. Helens.—E. L. B.

Officers Elected For Interim

On December 15 delegations of men from The Dalles, Odell, and the Valley Christian Church (Hood River) met as the guests of the last named. A ham dinner was served by the ladies and was much appreciated by those present. As soon as the dinner was over R. T. (Pink) Owen, vice-president, of the Mid-Columbia District of the Ninety and Nine Men, called a business meeting to order and gave a short statement of the purpose of the gathering.

The first action of the group was to approve election of temporary district officers to serve until April 23, 1950, and to thus revive regular business procedure in the district. The election followed with Owen being elected president; Earl Hastings, vice-president; and Irving Elle, secretary-treasurer. Further suggestions were discussed regarding participation in the Mid-Columbia church convention at the Valley Church on January 22, and the investigation of several possible sites for a boys' camp within the district. A report on the state work and particularly the Heralds of Christ revival at Odell in January was given by Ed Dewees. The meeting closed with a friendship circle and sentence prayers.—E. P. D.

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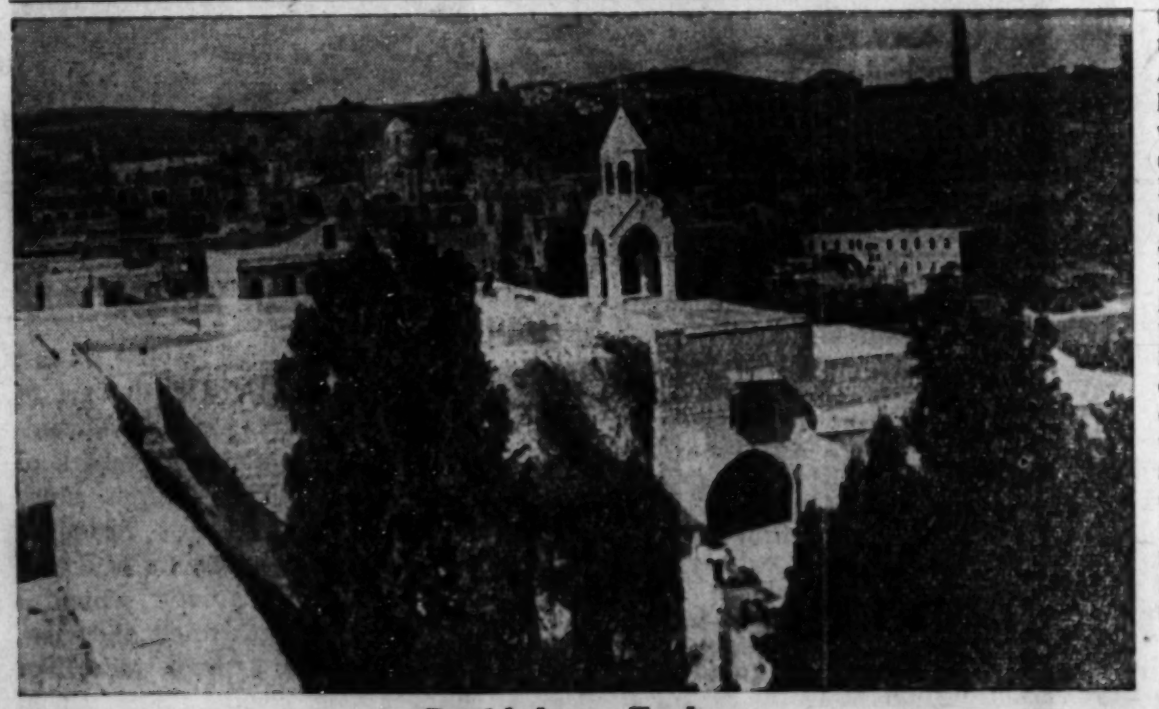
Crusade News

The meager diet of Okinawan school children is being supplemented by a school feeding program aided by Week of Compassion offerings.

Shepherds Restored

Part of Week of Compassion offerings are used to assist ministers living in war-ravaged countries back to health, that they may again shepherd their flocks. In this picture, Dr. Ilse Beale, member of the Health Committee, Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches, points to an X-ray of a minister suffering from tuberculosis. He was placed in a Swiss sanitarium where there is a mixture of nationalities. Services are held in all languages of Europe, and each prays in his own language. Though definitely ill, the people are in good spirits and in time ready to go home definitely cured.



Bethlehem Today

The lights of Bethlehem are still burning in Christian hearts. In many languages Phillips Brooks' beautiful Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," has been sung recently by young and old, but nearly a million refugees spent the past Christmas without a roof over their heads in the land of Christ's nativity. While their plight was alleviated by our past offerings through the Week of Compassion, their outlook is still bleak. Our 1950 Week of Compassion offering will help make life a little more bearable for these Christians. We can ease their burden if we SHARE NOW.

Preparing For The Week Of Compassion

The Week of Compassion has become a matter of concern for many churches in Oregon. When giving becomes a matter of life or death to unfortunate ones, Christian people want to share when given the opportunity. A successful Week of Compassion will take much preparation, and results will depend on information. It is suggested this year that the week of our annual brotherhood dinner be used to launch the program and plans for the observation of the Week of Compassion, March 5-12, and make Sunday, March 12, the day for a great offering. The national radio program will be presented on Saturday night, March 11. Whatever you do with this observance, give your church the opportunity of giving, that others may live.

According to our records 58 churches in Oregon last year gave to the Week of Compassion, amounting to $11,840.60. The national goal this year is $1,500,000. The first $250,000 will go directly to Church World Service. The rest will go into the channels of the Crusade, or as you may designate to participating causes in the Crusade. Those who come back and tell the story of the work Church World Service is doing in Europe and Asia speak very highly of it. Be sure to tell folks their money is going through to places of need.

More than 58 churches should share in this program this year. If the pastor, or the board, blocks this program and refuses to let the people express themselves, they may be passing the death sentence on some worthy family by denying them food, clothing, and shelter, and also spiritual food for the inner man. Let us lay aside every weight and difficulty that seems to stand in the way and go all out to make this the greatest Week of Compassion offering this state has ever given. We are told, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Is there anyone in Oregon who would like to change places with one of these families in Europe, or Asia, that Church World Service helps? I am of the opinion we would rather be on the giving end. One suggestion each family might observe is, place an empty bowl on the table and, as you give yourself a generous helping of steak, potatoes and gravy, or whatever you have, then place a generous helping in the empty bowl in the form of money. If each family will observe this for one month previous to the Week of Compassion, Oregon will have a great offering. Churches of Oregon, whatever you do, by all means make sufficient preparation to make it a success.—C. H. Addleman.

Film Strips

The following film strips may be purchased by local churches for use in presenting needs being met by Week of Compassion giving.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

The churches of the brotherhood will continue the observance of the Week of Compassion in 1950. But it will be on a scale of far greater magnitude than the past three observances.

The goal of the 1950 Week of Compassion will be $1,500,000. The first $250,000 of this amount will be allocated to Church World Service for relief and reconstruction in Europe and Aisa and the remaining $1,250,000 will be allocated to other agencies cooperating in A Crusade For a Christian World, and as far as possible this money will be used for comparable services within these agencies.

The date of the 1950 Week of Compassion has been changed to March 5-12, to coincide with the interdenominational observance of One Great Hour of Sharing at 11 A. M. on Sunday March 12. There will be a distinct advantage to the local Disciple churches as they press the claims of teeming millions around the world who sufer in body and soul. These churches will be parts of simliar efforts among other churches in the community.

The One Great Hour of Sharing at 11:00 A. M., March 12, 1950, will be the climax of the greatest Week of Compassion among our churches. In every one of our nine foreign missionary fields, our missionaries are confronted with much the same needs as those in war devastated countries.

Victory will be attained in the Great Hour of Sharing only through planning and prayer that will issue in a willingness to sacrifice to an extent three times as great as in former years.

"The Unwanted" is a 70 frame, 35mm film strip with a 15 minute script, portraying the great human tragedy of the refugees in Europe, the Near East and the Far East.

"Service in Asia" is an 82 frame film strip with a 15 minute script, presenting the problems facing each country in that tragic continent.

The price of each strip is only $1.00 and may be ordered direct from Audio-Visual Department, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, New York.

The Third Year Crusade The Last Year
FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Kenneth Johnston, Director

The State Chairman Speaks

At the time of this writing the whole world seems to be charged with the great fact of Christmas. The angel chorus of "Glad Tidings" has reached a mighty Crusade as it is being heralded in a thousand tongues to all mankind. The coming of the Christ was the beginning of a Crusade that knows neither limitation nor boundaries. The effect of this Crusade may be measured by contrasting the few who heard the first good news and the millions who rejoice in it today.

Crusade Within A Crusade

We, the churches of our Christian Brotherhood, are engaged in a CRUSADE FROM A CHRISTIAN WORLD. Let none of us think that ours is a different Crusade from that inaugurated by Christ. It is one and the same. Wherever the cause of Christ has advanced from Bethlehem to 1950, it has done so through Crusading Christians and Crusading churches. The progress has not been steady, but intermittent. History reveals instances of long periods of vacillation, quarrelling and retrogression on the part of the Church. Each time the church has recovered and surged forward, men of God have been awakened to their Christian responsibilities. Thus it has been, and is, a Crusade within a Crusade.

The Crusade Is On

That the Protestant Church is now recovering from a half century of inertia does not need to be argued. The facts speak for themselves. That our own brotherhood is once again making its contribution to the Kingdom of God is well testified by the Crusade statistics. The Crusade for a Christian World is indisputable evidence that we are not deaf to the Voice of God; neither are we blind as to the needs of suffering humanity. It is proof that God still calls men to great vision and service; that His Son has not left us alone but shares the battle with all who will Crusade with Him!

The Crusade is bringing a new spirit of unity to thousands of our people. We are learning that Christ and the mission of the Church are more important than our methods, shibboleths, and opinions. To be sure, we have for 140 years quoted piously the slogan, "In essentials, unity; in opinions, liberty." But have we not been guilty of forgetting where our opinions end, and the other fellow's liberty begins? Let us not stay so close to our own opinions that we are unable to see the nail scarred foot-prints of the pioneer Crusader. If we will not confuse with our opinions, the simple plain message of the New Testament, we will sure find that this sacred Word allows much latitude toward the program of cooperation in accomplishing the work of Christ.

The Crusade began in Bethlehem. May its course be continued in America and the world because we have been faithful Crusaders.

Eugene Christian House

The enthusiasm of University of Oregon and NCC students for Christian House is at a high peak. Up to 75 young people crowd the room for Sunday evening fellowship programs and the Friday evening parties. A four weeks series on Sunday evening was based on "How to be Christian on the Campus," with university deans of men and women speaking. The series is based on selected questions from Jack Finegan's new book, "Youth Asks About Religion."

The fall retreat and planning conference was held at Martha Goodrich's summer home on the McKenzie River, Saturday, October 22, at which time plans for a fall program were made, worship features outlined and a budget of $650 was adopted. This will be for refreshments, supplies, bulletin board and a paper, "The Duck Call."

A Chinese boy from Hawaii was baptized on October 16.

Over 200 glasses of jam and jells and pickles have been given by the women of the First Church, Eugene, a lovely lace tablecloth by the Loyal Workers there, a large new coffee maker by the North Bend missionary society, shrubs by the Eugene First Business Women's class, and a radio-phonograph by the youth cabinet of the First Christian Church, Portland.

Hosts of individuals have been sewing for the House, and doing other useful things. With the organization of an informal choral group under the leadership of Dorothy Gangnath, music major, the group will soon be ready to put on programs for church and affiliated groups in nearby towns. Write for your date now.

The Christian Home

The Crusade seeks to enlist 500,000 homes in a program of Christian nurture. If we cannot practice Christianity in the home, how can we practice it in daily living? For information on this subject write Lawrence Bixler, care of NCC, Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Bixler is State Chairman of **Christian Home Life** for the Crusade. Let us be Crusaders in our homes.

The Picture Above

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hayter, Dallas, Oregon, long ago learned the art of Christian home life. Married November 21, 1888, and active members of the Dallas Christian Church since 1884, for sixty years this residence has been their home. Theirs is a real family hearthstone around which a host of friends delight to sit and visit. Mr. Hayter, retired banker, for all of his 89 years is keenly interested in current events. The progress of the church is important to them, and the family Bible is not an ornament, but a well worn guide. Theirs is a Crusading home.

Heralds Of Christ

The pre-Christmas evangelistic services conducted by the Meserves in St. Johns and University Home-Columbia Villa were concluded on December 18. There were 4 confessions and one addition by transfer at St. Johns, and considerable calling was done in the housing projects which are served by a mission sponsored by the St. Johns church under the ministry of Don Booher and his wife, of N.C.C. Extra-curricular activities included special messages by Dallas in the James John school and at Northwestern Christian Home. He also gave entertainments at each place and presented a magic show for the St. Johns "young people" on two Saturday nights prior to the service. On December 19 he spoke at the Christian Endeavor parley in the Sellwood Christian Church.

On January 1 the team began a revival in the Odell Church in Hood River Valley, and on January 29 will begin a meeting at Athena.—E. P. D.

Churches Visited By Home Representative

During the month of November a number of churches witnessed the story of benevolence as presented by Ray Smith, Field Representative of Northwestern Home, in the colored motion picture, "The Church Cares for Her Own." Churches in which the film was shown were Forest Grove, Ashland, Phoenix, Grants Pass, Sutherlin, Cottage Grove Oakridge, Creswell, Sweet Home, Salem Court Street, Holley and University Homes in Portland. During the calender year the film has been shown 112 times in churches and to church groups in four states. The Home also has a set of colored slides available on a loan basis without charge which are helpful in creating and increasing interest in the Home and our "other family" at Beaverton.—R. C. S.

Filmstrip Available

The 35 mm. filmstrip, "World Call in Focus," is available for the asking, both from the state office 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, and at my home, 1192 Jefferson St., Eugene, Oregon. It is a technicolor film presenting the writing and assembling of World Call magazine, personalities involved, importance and outreach. A twenty minute explanatory script accompanies the film. Write in and make arrangements for the film and script for use in your church. It is being used considerably, so try to set your date at least three weeks in advance. After using, return it at once so that others who plan to use it need not be disappointed.—E. L. B.

Communism And Christianity In Korea

In a recent article John T. Chase wrote. "We are asked this question frequently, 'Is communism affecting the work in Korea?' Of course I would not want to say that the threat of communism has absolutely no effect on Christian work in Korea; but I would say very definitely that as long as we can grow from two to 19 congregations in four years, as long as we can baptize 231 persons in six months, and as long as we can see 71 persons baptized in a single Lord's Day, communism is not hindering the work in any great degree. Besides, every time a Korean becomes a Christian communism suffers a defeat. Let's keep on preaching Jesus Christ and winning victories in His name. Now is the time to double and redouble our efforts."

As many know, Brother Chase is in a campaign to raise $50,000 for the construction of good, usable church buildings in Korea. According to our latest information that fund has reached more than $3,500; and it is suggested that, where possible, a congregation assume all, or part, of the cost of construction of a building.—J. Frank Cunningham.

Fairmount Men Hosts

The McKenzie District Ninety and Nine Men met at the Fairmount Church of Christ in Eugene on December 19 with 53 present. The Fairmount men provided coffee and the main dish and did an excellent job of serving the meal under the leadership of Howard Johns. Vegetable dishes and desserts were brought by the visiting delegations.

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December Diary Of The State Secretary-Director

Ten days were spent out of the state the early part of December attending the Home and State Missions Planning Council and the National State Secretaries' Association in St. Louis, Missouri. The meetings were very helpful and we were made to rejoice over the many good reports and plans in various states. The fellowship was fine. I stopped over a day and a half on the way home to visit the Wm. Pretzer family at Elmdale, Kansas. Mrs. Pretzer is the former Florence Fishburn, a member of the Kern Park Church at one time and former office secretary for Pop Swander. I preached in the Burns Church December 18 and held a conference with the church leaders. There was one confession and one transfer. Some of the activities of the month were: assisted with one radio program sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches, attended two evenings the meeting at Mallory Avenue, spent part of a day calling with H. L. Porter at Mosier, met with state executives of several churches at Linfield College, met with our State Board Finance Committee, the Turner Pioneer Camp Committee and with the Educational and Youth Committees in Salem. Spent 10 days in the office and held 9 conferences. Travelled 5,711 miles, 85 letters went out of the office, spent Christmas at home and had the experience of becoming grandfather for the second time during the month.

Welcome to two new men in the state. Charles H. Lemmex has accepted a call to the church at Astoria. Mr. Lemmex is a former classmate of mine and a very close friend through the years. Charles C. Manker, Jr., has been called as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work at First Christian Church, Portland.—C. H. Addleman.

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4. All the rest—what is spent and what is saved—is to be treated as no less a sacred trust.

—Oakland Christian Courier

The Church Membership Roll

One of the neglected ministries, especially in small churches, is the church membership roll. We have no sympathy with that pernicious doctrine that decries the membership roll as unscriptural. The apostle's admonition to "Let all things be done decently and in order" should be sufficient scriptural authority to impel any church to keep a serviceable roll of its members.

1.—A membership roll should be kept in a book (not loose leaf) so that names will not become lost. The names should be entered alphabetically, and the mail address, the date of entrance into the church, how they came in (whether by baptism, letter or statement) the date upon which they were dismissed from the membership, from whence they came or whence they go.

2.—Apart from this book, which should be the official register of the church, a card file for the pastor's use is advisable. No damage will be done if this one is incomplete.

3.—A name should not be lightly dismissed from the membership. Death or dismissal for cause should be the only reasons for complete dismissal. If people have been gone for a long time and they cannot be located it is permissible to indicate such on the list, and it is not imperative that their names be reported in statistics after a long time. But the name should be retained until it is certain it should go off for just cause.

4.—Where a church can have it, there should be a membership secretary whose supreme duty is to see that the roll is kept up-to-date and as accurate as possible. Such a list is a sacred trust and is not to be regarded lightly. In it there is a vast field for pastoral duty, and by its perusal the pastor may cover his flock efficiently.

5.—The use of the Silent Roll Call card is a valuable adjunct to the membership list. By its consistent use, and checking the attendance of the membership on a chart, the pastor has an index on whom he should bestow pastoral oversight. It furnishes prospects for the pastor to call upon.

The church membership list is both a field of opportunity and a burden of responsibility. The wise pastor will study it carefully. By use of it he may stop many of the leaks through the back door. Do not despise nor neglect the church membership roll. —C. F. Swander.

Portland First

Four transfers of membership are reported in the First Christian. Charles C. Manker has been called as Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work. He has had experience as a pastor, college professor and coaching work. We welcome him to Oregon.

LOUISA FLINT KELLEMS

Dr. Louisa Flint Kellems—"Mother" Kellems to the Northwest Christian College family—died about 12:30 a. m., December 22, 1949. Active until death, she had returned to her Eugene home only a short time before her death. She had been visiting her children in Connecticut and California, having made the trip by air. She had just completed sending out her Christmas greetings. On December 21 she spent some time shopping.

Mother Kellems was born in Missouri on October 5, 1871. For 67 years she made Eugene her home and identified her life with Northwest Christian College and the work of the church . As usual, on December 18 she taught the women's Bible Class of First Christian Church, Eugene, in her accustomed vigorous, challenging and profoundly spiritual manner.

Funeral services were held in the First Christian Church, Eugene, on December 22, with the pastor, Dr. Carroll C. Roberts in charge, Dr. Victor P. Morris bringing a tribute and prayer and Dr. Ross J. Griffeth bringing the message.

A second service was held in Los Angeles and, in accordance with her recently expressed wish, her body was buried in Los Angeles beside that of her granddaughter.

Surviving her are her children, Dr. Jesse Randolph Kellems, of Los Angeles; Lt. Col. Homer Kellems, U.S. F.A., in Japan; Miss Vivien Kellems, of Mystic, Connecticut. A Son, Kenneth, lost his life in New York harbor during the first World War when the troop ship on which he was returning from Europe, was sunk as a result of a collision. Her husband, David C. Kellems, died in 1922.—R.J.G.

A Book Of Prophecy

"Shadow and Substance," a Bible study book originally published by Dr. Hoven in 1934, has recently been revised by him and is now available in the new printing made by Northwest Christian College. The book is attractively bound in paper cover and makes an excellent book for Bible study. The price postpaid is $1.65. Those who have studied the book under the guidance of Dr. Hoven will be able to tell of its values and probably will want a copy of the revised printing. Others will find it a significant guide to an understanding of the Bible and may wish to use it in Bible study classes, mid-week study groups, etc. Send all orders to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

Hood River Valley

Three baptisms and two transfers of membership in December. The Valley church will entertain the Mt. Hood C. E. convention and the Mid-Columbia District convention in January. H. Lawrence Porter, pastor.

Women's Work Notes

The newly organized group at Detroit, Oregon, has the distinction of being the first society in the state to adopt the name of Christian Women's Fellowship. Congratulations! Your executive secretary, Mrs. Burke, had the pleasure of meeting with this wide-awake group on the evening of December 1. Materials and plans for the future were discussed. The group decided to follow the current mission study for the next six months on Japan. Mrs. Eva Wise is the president. Warren Knapp, an N.C.C. student, is the pastor.

Mrs. Edna Burke was the guest speaker for the morning service at the Springfield church on December 18. Her topic was, "Missions Plus," a belated missionary message. She stressed the International Convention.

As a part of the annual Women's Day observance at the First Church in Eugene, seven students from Northwest Christian College provided the special music and the message. Allen Byerlee, Gene Johnson, Margaret Schamp and Mary Sadler presented the message using the topic, "They Answer the Challenge." A girls' trio, composed of Kathleen Whiten, Beverly Lyman and Roberta Piper, sang. Mrs. Ross J. Griffeth, presided.

Mrs. C. C. Smith, state president, was the guest speaker for the morning service on Woman's Day, December 4, at St. Helens.—E. L. B.

Officers Elected For Interim

On December 15 delegations of men from The Dalles, Odell, and the Valley Christian Church (Hood River) met as the guests of the last named. A ham dinner was served by the ladies and was much appreciated by those present. As soon as the dinner was over R. T. (Pink) Owen, vice-president, of the Mid-Columbia District of the Ninety and Nine Men, called a business meeting to order and gave a short statement of the purpose of the gathering.

The first action of the group was to approve election of temporary district officers to serve until April 23, 1950, and to thus revive regular business procedure in the district. The election followed with Owen being elected president; Earl Hastings, vice-president; and Irving Elle, secretary-treasurer. Further suggestions were discussed regarding participation in the Mid-Columbia church convention at the Valley Church on January 22, and the investigation of several possible sites for a boys' camp within the district. A report on the state work and particularly the Heralds of Christ revival at Odell in January was given by Ed Dewees. The meeting closed with a friendship circle and sentence prayers.—E. P. D.

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Churches Visited By Home Representative

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Filmstrip Available

The 35 mm. filmstrip, "World Call in Focus," is available for the asking, both from the state office 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, and at my home, 1192 Jefferson St., Eugene, Oregon. It is a technicolor film presenting the writing and assembling of World Call magazine, personalities involved, importance and outreach. A twenty minute explanatory script accompanies the film. Write in and make arrangements for the film and script for use in your church. It is being used considerably, so try to set your date at least three weeks in advance. After using, return it at once so that others who plan to use it need not be disappointed.—E. L. B.

Communism And Christianity In Korea

In a recent article John T. Chase wrote. "We are asked this question frequently, 'Is communism affecting the work in Korea?' Of course I would not want to say that the threat of communism has absolutely no effect on Christian work in Korea; but I would say very definitely that as long as we can grow from two to 19 congregations in four years, as long as we can baptize 231 persons in six months, and as long as we can see 71 persons baptized in a single Lord's Day, communism is not hindering the work in any great degree. Besides, every time a Korean becomes a Christian communism suffers a defeat. Let's keep on preaching Jesus Christ and winning victories in His name. Now is the time to double and redouble our efforts."

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"The northern Ryukus consists of five or six islands with a total population of 280,000, of whom about 130,000 live on the island of Oshima."

Writing of the need there the Woodruffs say: "Over and again pleas come for a missionary to come, teach and show them Christ's way. This is the 'open door' for the Church of Christ. The Catholic Church has five young priests on the island. Recently they have built a church, parish house, and a library What are we going to do in this hour of greatest opportunity? Isn't there someone who will answer this Northern Ryukus challenge?"—J. F. C.

A New Car For Service

Conclusion of a long discussed project among the Ninety and Nine Men of the state came on November 21 with the purchase of a 1949 Suburban Carryall Chevrolet for use in the field and camp work. Designated offerings for this vehicle have totalled something over $700 and a cash sale of $300 for the '39 Plymouth (which had seen over 9,000 miles of use since its purchase in May) boosted the sum over $1,000. Approximately $600 remains to be paid thru the general budget. The car seats eight adults or can be arranged to carry any number of passengers from two to eight by removal, or switching, of seats to accomodate baggage, camp gear, bed, etc. It will prove a real boon during the camping season. Permanent license number 99 was obtained by special request of Yamhill District last summer.—E. P. D.

N.C.C. Personals

According to a recent tabulation, N.C.C. students are serving as pastors for 59 congregations. Some of these are not fully organized churches but they are groups meeting for worship, Bible study and the Lord's Supper, hence may properly be designated church congregations.

Mrs. Ward Rice, who was operated on during the Christmas season, is getting along nicely. She was in the St. Francis Hospital at Walla Walla.

A change in partitions has made available additional space for the women's cloak room and lounge.

The present address of Dr. V. E. Hoven is Route 2, Box 488 B. Springfield. The Hoven's home on the McKenzie, enlarged from a cottage by Dr. Hoven during the summer and fall, is a most charming place.

Dr. Beatty Speaks

Dr. C. R. Beatty, former state president and now a state director, was the guest speaker at a North Willamette District rally at Monmouth on December 19. In the business session preceding his message a budget of $1,200 for the state work was approved.—E. P. D.

Student Gathering

About 450 college students gathered in the First Student Quadrennial Conference of the brotherhood at Des Moines, Iowa, December 27 to January 1. There were 14 from NCC who went in a special car on the Union Pacific Streamliner. They were as follows: Mary Alice Baker, Arlene Hendricks, Margaret Hood, Vic Lambert, Don McKenzie, Mary Jane Nesby, Bob Peterson, Dorothy Serviss, Imogene Spurgeon, Tom Stratton, Phil Wolfe, Marlisle Teeter, June Thomas, and Dulcina B. Elliott.

The meeting proved to be a dynamic and challenging experience for all. The speakers gave great messages, the Bible study was an eye-opener, and the fellowship of 450 young people was most encouraging. The theme was "The Student and his Faith". Williams Turbeek led a Bible Study group, the Eugene delegation had charge of a New Year's Eve party, and Dulcina Brown was in charge of a Workshop on "Public Relations."

These young people are organizing deputation teams to enter churches and to bring the inspiration that was so vital for them at this conference. After January 10 they will be available for either Sunday or mid-week services.

I Won't Pledge

Too bad! The man who never makes a pledge ——

1. Cannot have a telephone in his house unless he makes a pledge agreeing to pay for it.
2. Cannot have gas in his house unless he makes a pledge to pay for that.
3. Cannot have water turned on until he signs a pledge.
4. Cannot cash a check until he signs on the back which is a pledge that he will see that it is paid.
5. Cannot get married, for in that he makes a pledge.
6. Cannot own property, for he has to sign a pledge to pay taxes.
7. Cannot be a citizen of the United States until he makes a pledge to support the government.

Sure everyone makes a pledge.

—A. B. C. Booster.

Englewood

Clay J. Pomeroy began a pastorate at the Englewood Church (Portland) on January 1 under auspicious circumstances. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the evening attendance was the largest for many months. The Church is enthusiastic and ready to go. C. F. Swander closed his ad interim ministry there on December 31 and is now available for other supply work. The Christmas offering for the Beaverton Home was $72.68.

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Conference Planning

The West Oregon Conference faculty met in Salem on January 6 to set up the curriculum and faculty for this summer's conference. The date will be July 2 to 9. Begin now to send your young people.

McKinley Workers Need Support

In his November report of the work of the McKinley Indian Mission, John Runyan tells of participation in the placing of three workers in the Chemawa Indian School, at Salem. Two of these are Don Burney and Glenora Chesnut, students at Northwest Christian College. We are not sure who the third is, unless it is Edna Hadley, sister of Ella Hadley, one of the workers in the McKinley Mission, near Toppenish.

Brother Runyan writes: "Some of you have been supporting individual workers here on the Mission. Will you please continue to support them? Miss Worsdell, our nurse, has no salary and very little support. She, with her mother, Mrs. Ruthella Clark, of Decatur, Illinois, have come to the Mission on faith after having been with us this summer. Ella Hadley is needing support also. Mrs. Runyan and I have taken no salary since May 1 as we have been putting everything into the building program. Again may I say, Pray for the salvation of the American Indian and then support as the Lord directs."—J. F. C.

China Missions

Miss Margaret Lawrence, missionary to China since 1926, sailed from Seattle on August 21 for Japan, after completing a year's furlough. She will work with our mission there until such time as the Nationalist blockade of China is lifted and she can return to that field.

Miss Lawrence had hardly reached China for her first term of service when the uprising of 1927 forced her and other missionaries to leave. In 1929 she returned, being stationed at Wuhu in evangelism and also aiding in our school.

In 1937 the Japanese attacked Shanghai; she was in that city and had to flee to Manila. However, she made her way back to Wuhu in time to experience a fearful bombing by the Japanese as they moved westward in their attacks. Finally in December, 1940, she and most of our missionaries sailed for home on the urgent advice of our State Department.

With many of our Christians and both the University of Nanking and Ginling College having been moved to Chengtu, in 1942 Miss Lawrence made a long and difficult trip to West (free) China where she taught in the University of Nanking until the close of the war. Almost at once she made arrangements to return to Nanking with the first of the Chinese coming home from exile. She has served in Nanking since, except for this furlough year.

Others who will give interim service in Japan are three new missionaries, prepared for evangelistic and educational work in China, They are Misses Adele Bower of Burns, Oregon; Daisy Edgerton of Coushatta, Louisiana; and Mary Kay Sluder of Asheville, North Carolina.

Hillsboro

The report is out that Newell Morgan has been called to this church. He was with them over the Christmas holidays. He has been in the east at school and is anxious to get back here. We welcome him back again.

Myrtle District Meets

Myrtle District Ninety and Nine Men held their monthly rally at North Bend on December 19. President Jack Triplett called the meeting to order and reported on the needs of the Mt. Vernon Church in Springfield, and the Southeast Christian Church in Portland for which calls had been made to members of the Millennium Minute Men. He also spoke of the new car purchased by the state for the field and camp work.

Chester Farr, of the host church, gave a talk on Alaskan missions which he illustrated with colored slides taken on a vacation trip in the summer of 1949. The district is planning interesting programs for the new year and is really "making good" on the $350 goal for the state budget with $119 already paid in. Dean Brown, of Myrtle Point, is treasurer and Henry George, of Coquille, is secretary. J. T. Royer, of Myrtle Point, is vice-president.—E. P. D.

Christian Union Discussions

One hundred forty years ago Thomas Campbell preached the unity of all believers in Christ. It was so simple and so clear to him that he thought the church world would fall over itself to accept the proposition. He was sadly disillusioned before he died. But he kept on preaching it, and his son Alexander preached it for fifty years. It has not been until in the last fifty years the Christian world has really taken the plea seriously. There have been many conferences the world around held for the purpose of creating a better understanding. Perhaps the most significant one was at Amsterdam in the summer of 1948. This really committed the great leaders of the Christian world to the principle of unity. The next step is the solving of the problems in connection therewith.

We are persuaded that if Christian people will keep on fellowshipping together on the theme of unity that the problems will be solved. Some similar groups have already consummated unity. The breaking down of the wall of partition between dissimilar bodies will be more complex. But if unity is of God the most difficult problem can be solved. It depends upon how deadly in earnest we are about it.

Recently a group of churches representing 16,000,000 communicants met through representatives at Greenwich, Connecticut, to explore the possibilities of Christian unity. In years gone by the problem has been tackled from the viewpoint of federation. But that is conceded a poor point of view. This conference tackled it from the ultimate objective of organic unity. They did not attempt to map out a plan, or make proposals; it was an exploratory conference. That is proper.

The groups represented were the Methodist Church, the Congregational —Christian Churches, the Disciples of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Moravian Church (Northern Province), the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the National Council of Community Churches.

It is significant that active conversations are being held between the Disciples of Christ and the Northern Baptist Church. A vote on it in the two churches is scheduled in 1955. Brethren, let us pray about it.